

Candidate Guide



Okanogan County

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This guide is written for candidates filing for office in Okanogan County.

Our calendar is informational only and may be used as an aid for conducting campaigns. If mailings or other information are time-sensitive and based upon dates specified in this booklet, candidates should contact the Auditor's Office to confirm that there have been no changes.

The information contained herein may change due to new legislation, judicial determination, or further office vacancies. Information which is of a time sensitive nature may be updated in a later edition of this booklet.

If the reader finds an error or omission, please contact the Okanogan County Elections Division at (509)422-7240.

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Laurie Thomas
AUDITOR

Dear Candidate:

Congratulations on your decision to run for office. This Candidate Guide contains information you will need at every step of your candidacy, including changes to the primary, which positions are on the ballot, important election dates, filing information, and more.

It is important to note that Initiative I-874 created the Top Two Primary system and was passed by Washington State voters in 2004. The political parties filed suit to block implementation of this system, but in 2008 The United States Supreme Court upheld the Top Two Primary as constitutional. The Top Two Primary affects only partisan races. The top two vote-getters in a partisan race in the Primary Election will advance to the General Election, regardless of their party affiliation. Nonpartisan races will have a primary only when more than two candidates file for an office.

There is one other significant change for candidates in partisan races. Candidates must designate a party preference at the time of filing, although this does not imply an endorsement or nomination by a political party. These designations may not be changed between the Primary and General Elections. While party endorsements may not appear on the ballot, endorsements may be mentioned in the Local Voters' Pamphlet. Our office is working hard to ensure that ballots, ballot instructions, and the Local Voters' Pamphlet have clear, concise instructions, so voters will mark their ballots correctly.

My office has a variety of information you may find useful. Precinct maps are available online at www.vote.wa.gov or may be purchased in our office. We also have voter registration reports, which include walking lists, voter turnout information, election results by precinct, and more. Page 15 has a sample form used to order voter information.

Once again, congratulations on your decision to run for office. If you have questions concerning the election process, please contact our Elections Division at 509-422-7240. Good luck with your campaign.

Sincerely,

Laurie Thomas

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurie Thomas".

Okanogan County Auditor

Filing Information

Filing Fees (Determined by RCW 29A.24.091):

No Salary.....No Fee

\$1,000 or Less.....\$10.00

More Than \$1,000.....1% of Salary

There is no refund of a candidate's filing fee per RCW 29A.24.131

Indigent Filing Fee: A candidate who lacks sufficient assets or income at the time of filing to pay the filing fee required by law may submit with his or her Declaration of Candidacy a filing fee petition. The petition shall contain not less than a number of signatures of registered voters equal to the number of dollars of the filing fee. The signatures shall be of voters registered to vote within the jurisdiction of the office for which the candidate is filing (RCW 29A.24.091)

RCW 29A.24.131

Withdrawal of candidacy.

A candidate may withdraw his or her declaration of candidacy at any time before the close of business on the Monday following the last day for candidates to file under RCW 29A.24.050 by filing, with the officer with whom the declaration of candidacy was filed, a signed request that his or her name not be printed on the ballot. There shall be no withdrawal period for declarations of candidacy filed during special filing periods held under this title. No filing fee may be refunded to any candidate who withdraws under this section. Notice of the deadline for withdrawal of candidacy and that the filing fee is not refundable shall be given to each candidate at the time he or she files.

How is Ballot Order Determined?

Primary Election:

Candidate names appear on the Primary Election ballots as determined by a lot drawing. If three or more candidates file for an office, their order on the Primary ballot will be determined by lot drawing (if only two candidates file there will not be a Primary Election and both candidates go directly to the General Election). The lot drawing will be held at 5:00p.m. the last day of filing and it will be conducted in the Okanogan County Auditor's Office. Candidates are welcome to attend.

General Election:

Candidate order on the ballot is determined by the number of votes received in the Primary Election. The candidate receiving the most votes appears first on the General Election ballot. If no Primary Election was conducted for the office, the order of appearance on the ballot is determined by the lot drawing conducted on the last day of filing at 5:00 p.m. in the Okanogan County Auditor's Office.

Don't forget to check out our webpage.
Www.vote.wa.gov/okanogan

The screenshot shows the Okanogan County Auditor's Elections webpage. At the top, there's a header with 'OKANOGAN COUNTY' and a list of services: Accounting & Payroll, Elections, Recording, and Vehicle Licensing. Below this is a navigation bar with 'Okanogan County Auditor > English > Elections' and a 'Text Mode' link. The main heading is 'ELECTIONS'. On the left, a sidebar lists various election-related links. The main content area features several icons and buttons: 'ELECTION Calendar', 'Public Notice', 'Disability Information', 'MyVote' (with a 'register to vote | my voting information' link), 'VOTERS PAMPHLET', 'Online Candidate Filing', 'ARCHIVED ELECTIONS', 'CURRENT RESULTS ELECTION', 'Online Voters Guide', 'Reconciliation Reports', and 'Sample Ballot'. At the bottom, there's a 'MAPS' section with a map of Okanogan County and links to 'County Precincts 2012', 'Commissioners Districts', and 'Cities/Voting Precincts'. Each link has 'JPG' and 'PDF' options. Callout boxes with arrows point to specific features: 'Calendar' points to the 'ELECTION Calendar' icon; 'Candidate Information' points to the 'Online Candidate Filing' icon; 'Who's Filed' points to the 'Candidates for Office' button; 'Voters Pamphlet' points to the 'VOTERS PAMPHLET' icon; 'Election Results' points to the 'CURRENT RESULTS ELECTION' icon; 'Sample Ballot' points to the 'Sample Ballot' icon; 'Precinct Maps' points to the 'County Precincts 2012' link; and 'District Maps' points to the 'Commissioners Districts' link.

Calendar

Candidate Information

Who's Filed

Voters Pamphlet

Election Results

Sample Ballot

Precinct Maps

District Maps

Information about the Top Two Primary Election

Every candidate will be given 16 character spaces between the words “prefers” and “party” in which to designate his or her personal party preference. Per Washington Administrative Code 434-215-120 (4), “A candidate’s preference may not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.” Additionally, the party preference may not be obscene.

A candidate’s party preference in NO WAY indicates that candidate has been nominated or endorsed by the party he or she prefers. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the parties do not have a right to place any indication of their endorsement on the ballot. However, candidates may use the Statewide or Local Voters’ Pamphlet to convey endorsement information.

All candidates will appear on the Primary Election ballot, including minor party candidates. Minor party candidates are no longer required to hold nominating conventions to gain access to the ballot, and no longer advance directly to the General Election. The order of appearance on the Primary Election ballot will be determined by lot drawing, held in the Auditor’s Office at the close of filing. A candidate’s party preference will have no bearing on the order of appearance.

The two candidates who receive the greatest number of votes in the Primary Election, and who receive at least 1% of the total votes cast, will advance to the General Election and will appear on the ballot in the order of votes received. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will appear first, the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes will appear second. There is no other means of appearing on the General Election Ballot.

Candidates may NOT change their party preference between the Primary and General Elections.

What You Need to Know

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date _____ Fee Paid \$ _____ Filing No. _____ Office Code _____
☐ Check ☐ Debit/Credit
☐ Cash ☐ Filing Fee Petition Voter Registration # _____ Clerk Initials _____

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

1. I, _____ am a registered voter residing at:
 (PRINT NAME AS YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE)

2. _____
 (STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE) (CITY) (COUNTY) (ZIP)

and, at the time of filing this declaration, I am legally qualified to assume office if elected.

3. My campaign contact information is:

 (MAILING ADDRESS) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

 (TELEPHONE NUMBER) (EMAIL ADDRESS)

4. I declare myself as a candidate for the office of:

 (NAME OF OFFICE including DISTRICT or POSITION NUMBER)

 (CONGRESSIONAL OR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, COUNTY, CITY, OR OTHER JURISDICTION)

5. Filing Fee (check one):

- ☐ There is no filing fee because the office has no fixed annual salary;
☐ I am submitting a filing fee of \$10 because the fixed annual salary of the office is \$1,000 or less;
☐ I am submitting a filing fee of \$ _____, an amount equal to 1% of the annual salary; or
☐ I am without sufficient assets or income to pay the filing fee and am submitting a filing fee petition in lieu of this fee.

6. Please print my name on the ballot exactly as follows: _____
 (PLEASE PRINT)

7. If the office is partisan, your party preference, if any, will be printed on the ballot exactly as follows:

- ☐ (Prefers ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ Party) or
☐ (States No Party Preference)

If you fail to check a box or provide a party name, "(States No Party Preference)" will be printed.

I declare that this information is, to the best of my knowledge, true. I also swear, or affirm, that I will support the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington.

Note: Your signature must be personally attested to by a notary public or by the officer with whom the declaration is filed.

8. Sign Here X

 (SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE AS REGISTERED TO VOTE)

STATE OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF _____

(SEAL OR STAMP)

Signed or Attested before me on _____
 (DATE)

by _____
 (CANDIDATE)

 (SIGNATURE OF NOTARY)

 (TITLE)

MY APPOINTMENT EXPIRES: _____

Contact Sheet

Okanogan County Auditor's Office Elections Division

149 N. 3rd
Okanogan WA, 98840
(509) 422-7240
Web site: www.vote.wa.gov/okanogan
Email: elections@co.okanogan.wa.us

Public Disclosure Commission

711 Capitol Way #206
PO Box 40908
Olympia, Washington 98504
360-753-1111 877-601-2828
Web site: www.pdc.wa.gov

Office of the Secretary of State

PO Box 40229
Olympia, Washington 98504
(360) 902-4180 (800) 448-4881
TDD/TTY (800) 422-8683
Web site: www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/

Washington State Republican Party

16400 Southcenter Parkway, Suite 200
Seattle, Washington 98188
(206) 575-2900
www.wsrp.org

Washington State Democratic Party

615 2nd Avenue, Suite 580
PO Box 4027
Seattle, Washington 98194
(206) 583-0664
www.wa-democrats.org

Questions regarding campaign signs, city regulations, etc. contact the jurisdiction directly:

City of Okanogan - PO Box 752, Okanogan, Washington 98840
(509) 422-3600

City of Omak– see page 19

City of Tonasket– see page 20

For all other information contact city and towns directly.

Public Disclosure Commission Information

Filing with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) —When do you need to file?

Public Disclosure forms **MUST** be filed **within 14 days** of the beginning of a political candidacy or campaign. Forms are filed with the PDC and are available on the web at www.pdc.wa.gov

According to the PDC, “You become a candidate when you: raise and spend money for your campaign, reserve space or purchase advertising to promote your candidacy, authorize someone else to do any of these activities for you, state publicly that you’re seeking office, or file a declaration of candidacy, whichever happens first.”

What are My Reporting Requirements?

Candidates should always check with the PDC to ensure they have the most up-to-date, accurate information regarding filing requirements. This chart is provided solely as a guideline to get you started.

Are you a candidate in a town or taxing district that includes the entire county OR that had more than 5,000 registered voters as of the last general election?



File a financial affairs statement (Form F-1) & the Campaign Finance Reports series (“C” Series) within two weeks of becoming a candidate. Follow additional requirements on the “C” series, regarding spending levels.

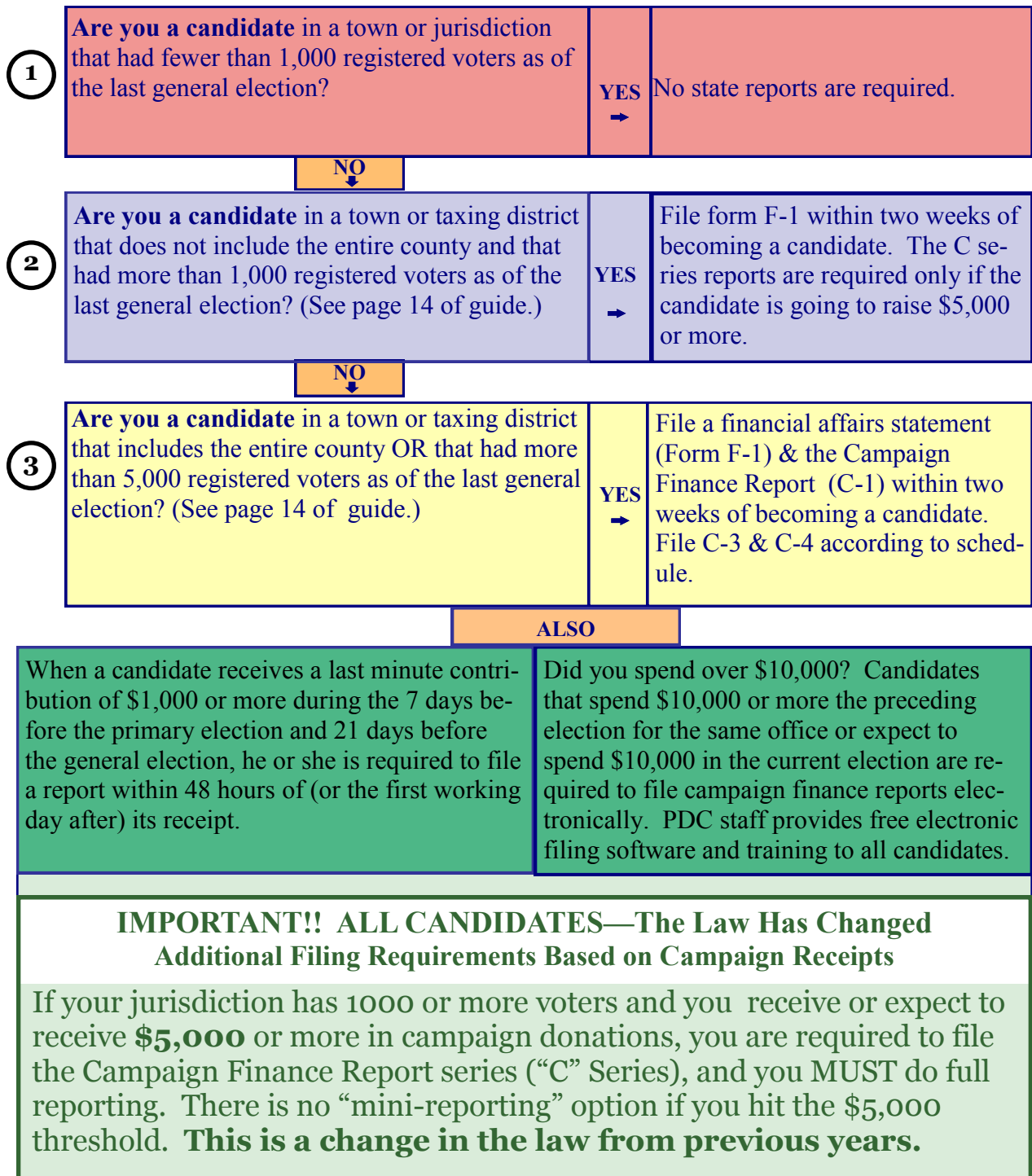
IMPORTANT!! ALL CANDIDATES—The Law Has Changed **Additional Filing Requirements Based on Campaign Receipts**

If you receive or expect to receive **\$5,000** or more, regardless of jurisdiction size, you are required to file the Campaign Finance Report series (“C” Series), and **MUST** do full reporting. There is no “mini-reporting” option if you hit the \$5,000 threshold. **This is a change in the law from previous years.**

What are My Reporting Requirements?

First, locate the jurisdiction for which you are filing, and note the designated size category to determine your reporting requirements. Next, be sure to note that requirements are no longer determined solely by jurisdiction size but are now also affected by campaign receipts.

Candidates should always check with the PDC to ensure they have the most up-to-date, accurate information regarding filing requirements. This chart is provided solely as a guideline to get you started.



How to Properly Fill Out a Voter Registration Form

Voters must do the following for a voter registration form to be valid:

- Check the citizenship and age boxes
- Provide their Washington Driver License or ID, or the last four digits of their Social Security Number
- Provide their birthdate
- Provide their full first and last names, as they appear on their Washington Driver's License or ID
- Provide a residential address in Washington State
- Read and sign the voter declaration

instructions

You must be a United States citizen to register to vote.

how to register to vote or update

Please print all information clearly using black or blue pen.

Mail or deliver your form to your County Elections Office. Address on the side.

for more information

online www.myvote.wa.gov

call 1-800-448-4881

visit your County Elections Office

This registration will be in effect for the next election if postmarked or delivered no later than the Monday four weeks before Election Day.

If you miss this deadline, please contact your County Elections Office.

You will receive your ballot by mail. Contact your County Elections Office for in-person voting options.

If you knowingly provide false information on this voter registration form or knowingly make a false declaration about your qualifications for voter registration you will have committed a class C felony that is punishable by imprisonment for up to 5 years, a fine of up to \$10,000, or both.

Your name and date of birth are public information.

06/2012

Washington State Voter Registration Form

register online at www.myvote.wa.gov

1 qualifications

if you mark no to either of these questions, do not complete this form

☐ yes ☐ no I am a citizen of the United States of America.

☐ yes ☐ no I will be at least 18 years old by the next election.

personal information

last name first middle

date of birth (mm / dd / yyyy) ☐ male ☐ female

residential address (in Washington)

city ZIP

mailing address (if different than residential address)

city state / ZIP

email address (optional) phone number (optional)

☐ I am in the Armed Forces (includes National Guard and Reserves).

☐ I am a U.S. citizen living outside the U.S.

Washington driver license / state ID #

if you do not have a Washington driver license or state ID card, provide the last four digits of your Social Security number

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declaration

I declare that the facts on this voter registration form are true. I am a citizen of the United States, I am not presently denied the right to vote as a result of being convicted of a felony, I will have lived in Washington at this address for 30 days immediately before the next election at which I vote, and I will be at least 18 years old when I vote.

sign here _____ date here _____

former registration

if you are already registered and are changing your name or address, fill out this section (this information will be used to update your registration)

former last name first middle

former residential address city state / ZIP

Top 10

Mistakes People Make on Voter Registration Forms

- 10. Trying to register as someone else or using a cute nickname. Sorry buddy, your name must match your drivers license.**
- 9. Registering with the street number of your old place, and the street name of your new place - your ballots won't know where to go!**
- 8. Having your 2 year old or your dog fill out the form - we do have to be able to read the writing.**
- 7. Being born yesterday - please make sure you've put your actual birth year, not the current year.**
- 6. Claiming that you live in your post office box - most people can't fit in one of those things!**
- 5. Signing someone else's name, or using a symbol - this does not apply to the artist formerly known as Prince.**
- 4. Claiming that you live in your office - even if you feel like you do, we can't use your business address to register you.**
- 3. Putting the form under your pillow for the election fairy to pick up - guess what, there isn't one. Next time, try a mailbox.**
- 2. Signing your name in invisible ink - you know, the kind no one else can see.**
- 1. Forgetting that you're a citizen of the United States - without checking this little box, you won't be eligible for the big privilege - VOTING!**

How to Get Voter Registration Data

A variety of information is available from the Okanogan County Auditor's Office. Voter data reports, walking lists, precinct maps, and district maps are just the beginning of the information we can provide to you to assist in your campaign. Please read the statute on violations and penalties contained below, so that you are aware of the restricted, legal uses of voter registration data. Maps may be printed from our website at www.vote.wa.gov/okanogan, or may be purchased in our office. Voter registration reports can be purchased from our office. Payment is required at the time of ordering.

RCW 29A.08.740

Violations of restricted use of registered voter data -- Penalties -- Liabilities.

(1) Any person who uses registered voter data furnished under RCW 29A.08.720 for the purpose of mailing or delivering any advertisement or offer for any property, establishment, organization, product, or service or for the purpose of mailing or delivering any solicitation for money, services, or anything of value is guilty of a class C felony punishable by imprisonment in a state correctional facility for a period of not more than five years or a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars or both such fine and imprisonment, and is liable to each person provided such advertisement or solicitation, without the person's consent, for the nuisance value of such person having to dispose of it, which value is herein established at five dollars for each item mailed or delivered to the person's residence. However, a person who mails or delivers any advertisement, offer, or solicitation for a political purpose is not liable under this section unless the person is liable under subsection (2) of this section. For purposes of this subsection, two or more attached papers or sheets or two or more papers that are enclosed in the same envelope or container or are folded together are one item. Merely having a mailbox or other receptacle for mail on or near the person's residence is not an indication that the person consented to receive the advertisement or solicitation. A class action may be brought to recover damages under this section, and the court may award a reasonable attorney's fee to any party recovering damages under this section.

(2) Each person furnished data under RCW 29A.08.720 shall take reasonable precautions designed to assure that the data is not used for the purpose of mailing or delivering any advertisement or offer for any property, establishment, organization, product, or service or for the purpose of mailing or delivering any solicitation for money, services, or anything of value. However, the data may be used for any political purpose. Where failure to exercise due care in carrying out this responsibility results in the data being used for such purposes, then such person is jointly and severally liable for damages under subsection (1) of this section along with any other person liable under subsection (1) of this section for the misuse of such data.

[2005 c 246 § 19. Prior: 2003 c 111 § 249; 2003 c 53 § 176; 1999 c 298 § 2; 1992 c 7 § 32; 1974 ex.s. c 127 § 3; 1973 1st ex.s. c 111 § 4. Formerly RCW 29.04.120.]

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List or Label Request Form

I understand that under the provisions of RCW 29A.08.720-740, the information to be furnished by the Okanogan County Auditors Office may not be used for the purpose of mailing or delivering any advertisement or offer for any property, establishment, organization, product or service or for the purpose of mailing or delivering any solicitation for money, services or anything of value; provided that the same may be used for any political purpose. I agree to indemnify and hold the Okanogan County Auditors Office harmless from any civil penalties resulting from my failure or alleged failure to comply with the provisions of RCW 29A.08.740. I authorize the Okanogan County Auditors Office to submit information related to the services provided which may be necessary to comply with the requirements of the Public Disclosure Law.

Name of requester – Signature

Name of Organization

Address

Date

Type of List or Labels requested

Cost We can also email the file at no cost. (email: elections@co.okanogan.wa.us)
Lists 15 cents a page
Labels 45 cents a page
CD \$15.00

Campaign Guidelines

Restrictions on Campaigning at Ballot Drop-Off Sites

Electioneering is forbidden within 300 feet of a drop-off site or Voting Center (the County Courthouse is considered a Voting Center). This includes the wearing of campaign T-Shirts and buttons.

(RCW 29A.84.510)

- (1) On the day of any primary, general, or special election, no person may, within a polling place, or in any public area within three hundred feet of any entrance to such polling place:
 - (a) Suggest or persuade or attempt to suggest or persuade any voter to vote for or against any candidate or ballot measure;
 - (b) Circulate cards or handbills of any kind;
 - (c) Solicit signatures to any kind of petition; or
 - (d) Engage in any practice which interferes with the freedom of voters to exercise their franchise or disrupts the administration of the polling place.
- (2) No person may obstruct the doors or entries to a building in which a polling place is located or prevent free access to and from any polling place. Any sheriff, deputy sheriff, or municipal law enforcement officer shall prevent such obstruction, and may arrest any person creating such obstruction.

Campaign Materials

Campaign materials cannot be placed in or on top of mailboxes without paying postage (U.S. Postal Service, Private Express Statute), nor should campaign materials be placed in newspaper delivery tubes. ***Please*** be courteous to these agencies.



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Dear Candidate:

The Washington State Department of Transportation wishes to take this opportunity to advise political candidates about the placement of campaign signs and placards along state highways.

Revised code of Washington (RCW) 47.42, the Highway Advertising Control Act, regulates signing on Interstate highways, Primary highways, and highways that are part of the Scenic and Recreational system. Signs erected on private property adjacent to these highways must comply with the Highway Advertising Control Act, rules contained in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 468-66, and applicable local agency sign codes.

In accordance with WAC 468-66-050, *Sign Classifications*, political campaign signs are considered a Type 3(d) on-premise sign for which no fee or application is necessary. Temporary political campaign signs are signs which express the property owner's endorsement of a political candidate or ballot issue, with the following restrictions:

- 1) Temporary political campaign signs are limited to a maximum size of thirty-two square feet
- 2) Temporary political campaign signs must be removed within ten days following the election
- 3) Temporary political campaign signs are subject to all other applicable provisions of RCW47.42 and WAC 468-66 that pertain to Type 3 on-premise signs

In addition to the above restrictions, the erection of temporary political campaign signs within the right-of-way of all state highways is prohibited. Accordingly, signs placed within the right-of-way of any state highway will be removed by the Department of Transportation.

Also, RCW 47.36.180(1) states in part that it is unlawful to erect any structure, sign, or device visible from a city street, county road, or state highway the simulates any directional, warning, or danger sign likely to be mistaken for such a sign. Therefore, a campaign sign cannot be designed in a manner that resembles an official traffic control sign.

If you should have any questions about the placement of campaign signs along state highways, please contact one of the department's regional Outdoor Advertising Representatives. The representative for your area can be determined by reviewing the map and roster attached to this letter.

We sincerely hope that candidates for public office will observe the laws and regulations enacted to protect and preserve the roadside beauty of our state. Thank you in advance for your courtesy in this matter,

Washington State Department of Transportation

**WSDOT REGIONAL OUTDOOR ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVES
SPRING/SUMMER 2008**

Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, Grays Harbor, Mason, Thurston and Pierce	Gerald Nelson PO Box 47440 Olympia, WA 98504-7440 (360) 704-3223
Whatcom, San Juan, Island, Skagit, Snohomish, and King	Stephen Chick PO Box 330310 Seattle, WA 98113-9710 (206) 440-4394
Pacific, Lewis, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, Clark, Skamania and Klickitat	Curtis Knopp PO Box 1709 Vancouver, WA 98668 (360) 905-2115
Okanogan, Chelan, Douglas, and Grant	Pat Arnold PO Box 98 Wenatchee, WA 98801 (509) 667-3077
Kittitas, Yakima, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, and Asotin	Ed Barry PO Box 12560 Yakima, WA 98909-2560 (509) 577-1989
Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Lincoln, Spokane, Adams, and Whitman	Reed Osborn 2714 North Mayfair St. Spokane, WA 99207-2090 (509) 324-6549



Per **14.24.140** —Sign Regulations (this information is not all-inclusive. See the actual code for ALL sign regulations.)

14.24.140 Regulations.

(a) General.

(1) All signs and sign support structures shall be subject to conformance with the requirements of Sections [14.24.090](#) and [14.24.110](#).

(2) All signs and sign support that are located within the shoreline area, as defined by the city of Omak, must comply with Chapter 5 of the shoreline master program.

(3) No sign shall project over the public right-of-way, except authorized road signs, approved banners, projecting signs and sandwich board signs which may be placed on sidewalks.

(b) Political Signs. Signs which during a campaign advertise a candidate for public elected office, a political party or promote a position on a public issue shall be removed within three days following the general election.

(c) Projecting Signs.

(1) Projecting signs shall be constructed of noncombustible material, except as provided in Sections [14.24.090](#) and [14.24.110](#).

(2) All supports of projecting signs shall be placed upon private property and shall be securely built, constructed and erected to conform with the requirements specified in Sections [14.24.090](#) and [14.24.110](#).

(3) The thickness of that portion of a projecting sign which projects over public property, exclusive of letters and trim, shall not exceed the maximum set forth in Table 3.

(d) Freestanding Signs.

(1) Freestanding signs shall be constructed of noncombustible material, except as provided in Sections [14.24.090](#) and [14.24.110](#).

(2) All supports of freestanding signs shall be securely built, constructed and erected to conform with the requirements specified in Sections [14.24.090](#) and [14.24.110](#).

(3) Projection of freestanding signs shall conform to the requirements of Section [14.24.100](#).

(4) All freestanding signs are permitted only in required landscape strips or surrounded by physical barriers so as to prevent vehicles from hitting those signs.

(5) All freestanding signs, including off-premises signs, shall conform to the height and area limits and other restrictions set forth in Table 4 at the end of this chapter.

(e) Sandwich Board Signs. As provided in Section [14.24.070](#), sandwich board signs may be erected without a permit in accordance with the requirements below.

(1) Sandwich board signs shall be constructed of any material meeting the requirements of this code, except as provided in Sections [14.24.090](#) and [14.24.110](#).

(2) Only one sandwich board sign shall be permitted per business per building side facing a public street. Signs shall be no wider than thirty inches and no higher than forty-two inches. Such signs shall be for commercial use only, and shall be located on the portion of the sidewalk immediately adjacent to the business. Sandwich board signs may be placed in addition to other signs permitted by this code on the same property.



CITY OF TONASKET SIGN REGULATIONS

Per Chapter 15.12.070—Political Sign Standards

15.12.070 Political signs.

A. Political signs may be placed upon private property only and shall not be larger than 10 square feet in area and shall not be posted upon or attached to telephone poles, power poles or other public utility facilities. Said signs shall only be placed upon private property with the owner's or occupant's permission. Such signs may be displayed 30 days prior to an election and must be removed 10 days after the election. For a successful candidate in a primary election the sign may remain until the final election.

B. The candidate for which the sign is displayed shall be responsible for its removal and be subject to the penalties as provided in this sign code.

C. No political signs shall be placed except upon issuance of a special sign permit which shall be issued by the office of the city clerk-treasurer upon deposit of a sign removal guarantee deposit. Such deposit shall be in the amount of \$15.00, \$10.00 of which will be refunded at the end of the campaign if there has been full and complete compliance with the terms hereof. (Ord. 443 § 7, 1991).

Election Myths Dispelled

Myth: Since voters sign their ballot envelopes, they have no real privacy.

Truth: Ballots are processed in batches of approximately 25. First, all of the signatures are authenticated. Then all of the mailing envelopes are opened, and the security envelopes are removed. The signature envelopes are removed from the workspace. Next, all of the security envelopes are opened, and the ballots are inspected for stray marks, damage, etc. There is no way for elections workers to connect a specific ballot to an individual voter.

Myth: Election workers don't check most of the signatures on the oath envelopes.

Truth: Each and every signature is checked by election workers. If your signature on the envelope does not match your signature on file, or if you forget to sign your ballot envelope, we will attempt to contact you by letter and/or by phone.

Myth: You cannot register to vote until you are 18 years old.

Truth: Because of our voter registration cutoffs, individuals are encouraged to register to vote at 17 1/2 years of age. This way, they can ensure they will be eligible to vote in the first election after their 18th birthday.

Myth: One vote doesn't make a difference.

Truth: In the 2004 Washington Governor's race, the total difference between the top two candidates was 129 votes, out of 2.7 million votes cast statewide. This breaks down to just over 3 votes per county. Every single vote counts. When it comes time for election day, check with your friends and neighbors, make sure they've cast their ballots.





The Hatch Act And Federal Employees

Permitted and Prohibited Activities for Employees Who May Engage in Partisan Activity

- **May** be candidates for public office in nonpartisan elections
- **May** register and vote as they choose
- **May** assist in voter registration drives
- **May** express opinions about candidates and issues
- **May** contribute money to political organizations
- **May** attend political fundraising functions
- **May** attend and be active at political rallies and meetings
- **May** join and be an active member of a political party or club
- **May** sign nominating petitions
- **May** campaign for or against referendum questions, constitutional amendments, municipal ordinances
- **May** campaign for or against candidates in partisan elections
- **May** make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan elections
- **May** distribute campaign literature in partisan elections
- **May** hold office in political clubs or parties including serving as a delegate to a convention
- **May not** use their official authority or influence to interfere with an election
- **May not** solicit, accept or receive political contributions unless both individuals are members of the same federal labor organization or employee organization and the one solicited is not a subordinate employee
- **May not** knowingly solicit or discourage the political activity of any person who has business before the agency
- **May not** engage in political activity while on duty
- **May not** engage in political activity in any government office
- **May not** engage in political activity while wearing an official uniform
- **May not** engage in political activity while using a government vehicle
- **May not** be candidates for public office in partisan elections
- **May not** wear political buttons on duty

For additional questions, contact:

U.S. Office of Special Council
1730 M Street N.W. Suite 218 Washington DC 20036-4505
Phone: 1-800-85-HATCH Web Site: www.osc.gov

This list does not apply to federal employees in the following agencies, divisions or positions: Federal Election Commission; Federal Bureau of Investigations; Secret Service; Central Intelligence Agency; National Security Agency; National Security Council; Defense Intelligence Agency; National Imagery and Mapping Agency; Merit Systems Protection Board; Office of Special Counsel; Office of Criminal Investigations of the IRS; Office of Investigative Programs of the U.S. Customs Service; Office of Law Enforcement of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms; Criminal Division of the Department of Justice; Career members of the Senior Executive Staff; Administrative Law Judges; Administrative Appeals Judges; Contract appeals board members.

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Rules on Political Activity

Under the law, State and Local Employees in Federally Aided Programs **may not:**

- (1) use their official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the results of an election or a nomination for office;
- (2) directly or indirectly coerce, attempt to coerce, command or advise State or local officer or employee to pay, lend, or contribute anything of value to a party, committee, organization, agency, or person for partisan political purposes; or
- (3) be a candidate for public office in a partisan election.

Caution: Activity permitted by Federal law may be restricted or prohibited by State or local law or regulation.

For additional information write:

**U.S. OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL
1730 M STREET, N.W., SUITE 218
WASHINGTON, DC 20036-4505**

PHONE: (202) 254-3650* TOLL FREE: 1-800-854-2824*

***Hearing and Speech Disabled: Federal Relay Service 1-800-877-8339**

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Resource Guide for Your Campaign

Here are some resources you may consider to help you to conduct your campaign. Fill in the information for each of your contacts and have all of your information in one easy to find location.

Campaign Address: _____

Campaign Manager: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Campaign Treasurer: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Political Consultant: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Publishing/Design Company: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Printing Company: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Mailing House: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Sign Company: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Press Sheet

NEWSPAPERS

The Chronicle: 618 Okoma Dr. Omak, WA 98841
Phone: (509)826-1110

The Gazette Tribune: 1422 Main, Oroville, WA 98844
Phone: (509)476-3602

The Quad City Herald: 525 W. Main St. Brewster, WA 98812
Phone: (509)689-2507

Methow Valley News: 201 Glover Twisp, WA 98856
Phone: (509)997-7011

The Star: Midway Ave, Grand Coulee, WA 99133
Phone: (509)6331350

RADIO STATIONS

KEYG: 58053 Spokane Blvd. NE, Grand Coulee, WA 99133
Phone: (509)633-2020

KOZI: 123 E Johnson Ave, Chelan, WA 98816
Phone: (509)682-4033

KNCW: 320 Emery St. Omak, WA 98841
Phone: (509)826-0100

KZBE: 320 Emery St. Omak, WA 98841
Phone: (509)826-0100

KOMW: 320 Emery St. Omak, WA 98841
Phone: (509)826-0100

KVLR: 109 S Glover St. Twisp, WA 98856
Phone: (509)997-5857

KGTC: 1019 Main St Oroville, WA 98844
Phone: (509)476-0300

Omak City Hall



Pateros Mall Parking Lot



Ballot Drop off Locations



Tonasket City Hall



Okanogan County Auditors Office



www.vote.wa.gov/okanogan

Okanogan County Auditor

Laurie Thomas, Auditor

149 3rd Ave N

P.O. Box 1010

Okanogan, WA 98840